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The Ideal Young Lady

Two weeks ago we published an excellent article on "The Ideal Young Man," written by a young lady of the Lehi First Ward. The article that follows is an answer by one of the young men of the First Ward Y. M. M. I. A.

Inasmuch as we young men wish our ideals and especially our ideal young lady, to be superior to the ordinary person, and that we might more clearly see her superiority, I have chosen to describe them—IDEAL FIRST.

Let us begin with the home first. After breakfast is over and the younger girls are busy washing dishes, the mother (who through the worry and trouble of past life has become more or less broken down in health) is plodding along with sweeping, dusting and placing in order the spoils and disarrangements of the previous night, finally seizing the scrub bucket and begins the task which she was compelled to leave over from the previous busy wash day.

So far in the busy program of the day we have not heard from our UN-IDEAL YOUNG LADY, who, when she comes in to breakfast (with a frown on her face) complains about things being cold and tasteless. She is planning a party for the evening, and of course mother must bake pies and cakes of the very best for the occasion.

Our UN-IDEAL YOUNG LADY goes into the parlor, and gathering her shaggy hair under a silk breakfast cap, throws a shawl over her shoulder and ships across the road to her girl friend to ask if she should happen to know if a certain young man (whom we would class as a ten-cent sport) was in town. Her girl friend, being very busy, she promised not to detain her long, so after quizzing and planning for about one hour and a half, she returns home just in time for dinner. After dinner she begins her day's work cleaning and dusting the parlor. She commences with the broom, and having swept the middle of the floor she seizes the duster and commences on the table. Having dusted the top she forgets the legs and goes to the piano, finishing it without moving a picture or vase which might be standing there. She has already done her day's work and is now ready to take her usual afternoon walk.

But how is she dressed? I suppose you have heard of the extremist

Well, she's it. Her hat being very large and her skirts being very tight, she LOOKS TOP HEAVY, and when she tries to step across a small ditch she resembles A DUCK more than any other animal. She holds her head high, not able to see her poor working boy friend, whom she happens to meet. It is only because she cannot find enough of her kind to gossip with that she returns home early in the afternoon, wishing that the time would hurry past so she can find nothing to do.

She never has time, however, to let herself be seen in the kitchen. While she is in her dressing room finishing painting and powdering, her good old parents, after the hard toils of the day, go into the parlor for a few moments of solid comfort, only to be disturbed by her coming in and reminding them that it is time for her company to arrive, and that they had better vacate because they were not presentable in their ordinary clothes.

The IDEAL YOUNG LADY must be beautiful to look upon, natural brain and natural color, true teeth, beautiful form without pads. Being about five and one-half feet tall and weighing about one hundred and forty pounds. She must have a mild temper, courageous spirit, not lazy but ambitious, industrious, economical, polite, entertaining, modest, pleasant, not stuck up, with parental reverence, reflective, intuitive, attentive, obedient, independent and a good education.

Many girls brought up in homes of comfort and luxury are often suddenly thrown upon their own resources to earn their daily bread. Not this alone—they may also be obliged to provide for helpless children and invalid husband. The poorest girls in the world are those not taught to do some kind of work. The most fortunate women belong to this class. Every girl should learn some business trade, whereby she may be able to earn her own living if necessity demand it. The wheel of fortune may swiftly turn. The rich become poor and the poor rich. Skill added to labor is no disadvantage to any one and is helpful to the poor woman with a helpless family on her hands.

She must be able to sing, recite and read intelligently; to button her own dress up the back, brush her own clothes, save money and earn the same if necessary. She must be well educated in the line of child training, that she may bring the children up well behaved. She must be a good cook, saving meals on the dot. In short, she must be able to carry on the duties of the house without being under a boss, besides knowing when and what to feed chickens, pigs, horses, and in a pinch be able to milk the cows.

When she becomes married she must be naturally adapted to mending and darning, that her husband's feet may be well protected from cold.

She must be a patient nurse when her husband is sick. She will thereby be able to help him and give him the needed comfort.

She must be able to lay by a little money for such occasions.

She must be able to do her own sewing and that of her children, never allowing her husband to sew on his buttons, which would endanger his fingers being pricked deep'y.

She should teach the children sewing early in life.

She should lay by a little each week and in time help to buy a piano for the family use, teaching the children in the art of vocal and instrumental music, and teaching her husband to sing bass.

She should not quarrel with the neighbors nor allow any of the children to do so. She should always take her husband's part in any neighborly dispute.

She should honor her husband and love him. She should speak well of him to his enemies as well as his friends.

The wife who gives her husband sympathy eases his toil, lightens his burden and soothes his weary nerves. By this means she may be a more important factor in the success of his business than if she labored by his side at the desk in the store or in the field. She may prove a greater aid to his mental and moral development by showing her appreciation of the spirit of his efforts in every right cause, than if she were a leader in the public haunts of society. Society often fails to appreciate the value of a man because it can not stop and discriminate, but the wife or mother who can not take time to recognize and strengthen the weak qualities, to encourage and fortify the strong ones, of her husband or son, falls short of her HIGHEST GIFT, her greatest opportunity for helpfulness. Half the reward of a man's efforts comes often from the expressed appreciation of his wife.

She should be the maker of the home. A hundred men can make an encampment, but it takes a woman to make a home.

THE QUITTER.

The world has little use for the quitter. The fellow who starts and backs out because the creek is up; the fellow who promises to saw wood for you Wednesday, discovers about 9 o'clock that there is a screw loose in the end of his saw, and sends you word Saturday that he could not come; the fellow who starts to trim the hedge, blisters his hands and decides to let it go until spring; the boy who goes racing through his school books until he strikes particulars and compound fractions, then wants to quit school and get a job; the girl who starts out to be a great musician, and learns just enough to play rag-time and beguile the fancies of some young saphead. There is a big family of these quitters, but they are a sorry lot. They never want a job that takes time and patience. With the qualifications of a billposter, they would like to earn the salary of a railroad president. Their ideal is a job that requires only two hours of easy labor each day with Saturdays and holidays off. You will find them scattered up and down the road of human failure, always turning back from the handle of the plow, always complaining of their lot and the unfairness of the world. They are clogs in the wheels, broken rails on the road, time-killers, patience-killers, forever wanting what they do not deserve. The only people who accomplish things in this world are those

who qualify themselves in spite of bad crops, high water or measles; who hang on to their work until failure turns to victory; whose courage rises as difficulties thicken, and whose faces are forever turned toward the rising sun. It was not a bad plan, rising sun. The best thing any person can do for his child is to compel him to finish what he undertakes. Keep to it and no matter how much he cries and objects, make him do the thing he started to do, and the best thing any boy or girl can do is to do this very thing, without being made to do it. Success is a good deal in habit. There is not much difference between failure and success—simply one quits and the other does not."

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